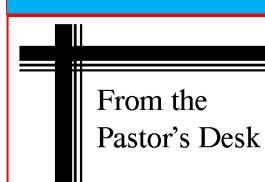
## The MEMORIAL MESSENGER

#### JUNE 2024



Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of Eternity. 2 Peter 3:18

I've been on a quest lately to find the music that I missed growing up. More often than not, we listen to what we like and ignore the rest. My youth was spent listening to a narrow set of musical genre and I missed a lot. For me, much that is old is now fresh. Groups I wouldn't hear as a youth are becoming favorites now.

I'm also expanding my reading which has been for some time neglected. It's not that I don't enjoy reading but I'm a painfully slow reader and it must happen in quiet times and places. I'm thankful for this renewed energy to open my heart and mind. My reading list is currently short and I am being somewhat selective in my choices.

On the secular side, I just finished CS Lewis' <u>Out of the Silent Planet</u>, his first of a science fiction trilogy. Lewis writes everything from a Christian world view and there is much theology in his words. I'm now trying (once again) to make it through JRR Tolkien's <u>Silmarillion</u>, a painful process as Tolkien fills his work with so many names and miniscule details.

On the sacred side, I've just started Thomas a Kempis' seminal work <u>The Imitation of Christ</u>. In it, Thomas weaves Scripture with the writings of the wise and since the chapters are short, they serve more like a daily devotional than a tome. It's a good balance against Tolkien.

So, how are you growing in the knowledge and love of God? There are lots of practices to add to our Bible readings. Perhaps quiet times of meditation or a daily devotional like the Upper Room? A walk in nature or drinking deep from the well of a spiritual giant. No matter what, we all have room to grow and I pray that you are making good use of the Holy Spirit which speaks through many sources.

Love and peace,

Scott



# June 2024

Sat 29 1522  $\infty$ 28 Camp In theCommunity 8:30-4:30 All week long. See flyer. Ξ 14 21**~** 20 Food Pantry  $\theta$  Food Pantry 27 Camp In the Community 8:30-4:30 All week long. See flyer. 5:30-6:30 5:30-6:30 Cokesbury UMC 12 Cottage Pray. 26 Cottage Pray. 865-919-8627 Gibby Seals
Call: Stonecipher Call: 865-405-0824  $Buckets\ to$ 5 Deliver 1925 Camp In the Community 8:30-4:30 All week long. See flyer. 18 24 Camp In the Community 8:30-4:30 All week long. See flyer. 17 9 Holston Annu-Lake Junaluska Father's Day Ends Wed. 12th al Conference Communion 23 30 The Altar Guild is asking for Volunteers for Altar Flowers.

We have about 5 open slots all thru the year.

If you'd like to honor someone or make a special memory for someone no longer here, we have the perfect solution.

Please contact Libby Freels at 865-457-6742 or 865-919-6742 for dates.



## Cottage prayer ministries

Wednesday, May 15th is the last dinner in the Fellowship Hall until school returns.

Starting June 12th we will have Cottage Prayer Meetings at the following locations:

June 12th at Gibby Seals home: 599 Melton Hill Drive, Clinton Call-865-919-8627

June 26th at V.L. and Pat Stoneciphers home: 218 Bingham Drive, Clinton Call-865-405-0824

July 10th at Charles & Kay Prices home: 103 Westland Drive, Clinton Call-865-599-5732

July 24th at John & Susan Gambles home: 116 Sinking Springs Road. Clinton Call-865-599-1905

Dinner will be casual starting at 6:00pm.

You need to register with Hostess week before. You'll find out then if you need to bring anything.



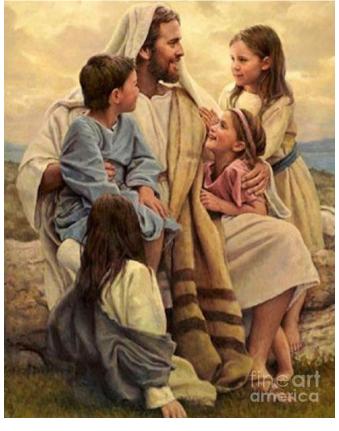
# Food Bucket Mission 2024



We DID it!

40 Food Buckets filled.

Helping feed the people of Zimbabwe. To God be the Glory!!!





## **Finance News**

#### June is finally here. Summer's almost here.

Football, Hockey and basketball are over but JUNE is where the REAL sports happen,

#### **Pool-noodle joisting!**

May Budget Giving: \$22,086.00
May Expenses: \$23,145.00
May Balance: -\$1,059.00

Year to Date Giving: \$110,431.00 Year to Date Expenses: \$104,370.00 Balance Year to Date: +6,061.00

There are several ways you can send in your contributions/tithes: Mail: Memorial UMC 323 N. Main Street Clinton, TN 37716. On-line Check Pay: You can have your checks sent directly from your bank - the bill pay option offered at most banks. On-line: Visit our website: <a href="www.mumcclinton.org">www.mumcclinton.org</a>. You will find alternate giving methods under the GIVE option on the top right side of the website. Questions? Contact the church: Church Phone: 865-457-2287 Email: <a href="mailto:info@mumcclinton.org">info@mumcclinton.org</a>.

#### REMEMBER TO PRAY



For our Extended at home family members. For our Pastor, Our Church and Church Families. Pray for our Nation as we struggle to recover from the pandemic. Pray for our Service Men, Women, and their families at both home and abroad. Pray for your neighbors, Pray for our School teachers and all the staff required to keep schools open and learning going, and for our First Responders and our Police Officers who keep us protected every day. <u>And lastly, pray for the people of Israel, Palestine and Ukraine.</u>

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God."

Philippians 4:6

To the dedicated members serving our prayer chain. They are fearless, love and care for everyone and show this in their devotion to be truly "Prayer Warriors". No crisis too big for them because God answers prayers. Thank You!!







### NORRIS COMMONS

at Norris United Methodist

**5 NORRIS SQUARE NORRIS, TN 37828** 

Register now! Camp is free, but space is limited!

Visit campinthecommunity.org/host/norris or call (865) 494-9407

#### **Birthdays for June 2024**

Happy Birthday Memorial Members, Happy Birthday to you!

06/01 Cole Sellers, 6/11 John Lomax, Sharon McCarty, 6/12 Suzan Moore 6/21 Jeff Maxwell, Claire Pietrzak 6/22 Brady Sellers, 6/23 Buford Bray

Let's continue our Birthday call campaign, especially for those homebound or in assisted living facilities. All of the addresses are in the are in the paper Church Directory or check InstantChurchDirectory.com or call the Church Office (865-457-2287).







#### DON'T FORGET OUR EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS As of 5/30/2024

#### **Away from Home:**

Winki Watkins, The Grove, Apt. #149, 734 Emory Valley Rd., Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Phone: 865-248-9976

Bill Connell, NHC, died on August 14, 2023. We just recently found out.

Becky Williams, Canterfield Assisted Living, 200 Bus Terminal Road, Room 239, Oak Ridge, TN. 37830. Her cell # is 865-591-5304.

#### At Home:

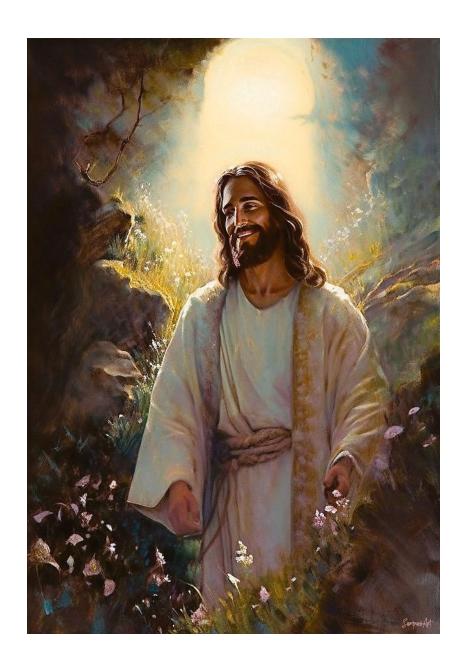
 Juanita Smith, 301 Cross Street, Clinton, TN. 37716
 865-463-8336

 Phillip Wenk, 115 Dogwood Lane, Clinton 37716
 865-457-9301

 Mary Ann Connor, 297 Doe Run Blvd., Clinton 37716
 865-207-9199

Joyce Wilson, 112 Hillcrest St., Clinton 37716

Ben Edwards (new address) C/O Stephanie Jones, 1820 Alysheba Run, Murfreesboro, TN. 37128



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